

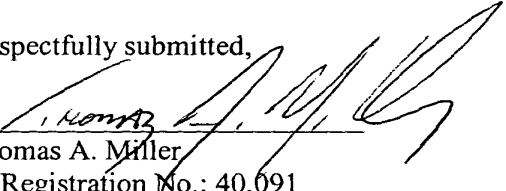
**REMARKS**

The above-referenced amendments are made to make reference to the parent application to which this application claims priority, and to cancel the claims from the parent application which are proceeding through prosecution in parent application serial no. 09/993,274. The applicants respectfully request prompt consideration of the pending claims and allowance thereof. Should the Examiner have any questions, he is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned.

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